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Letter dated 27 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you of the holding of the sixth International Children's Festival, "Let's Change the World for the Better", which took place at the International Children's Centre, "Artek" (Crimea, Ukraine) from 15 July to 4 August 2007. Attached herewith is the appeal of the participants in the festival to the Heads of Government and the General Assembly of the United Nations (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 66, "Promotion and protection of the rights of children".

(*Signed*) Yuriy **Sergeyev**
Permanent Representative of Ukraine

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Appeal of the participants in the sixth International Children's Festival, "Let's Change the World for the Better", to the Heads of Government and the General Assembly of the United Nations

We, the children of 27 countries, united at the International Children's Centre "Artek" for the sixth International Children's Festival, appeal to you to consider the opinion of children.

We have the same goals, interest and ideas! We are united by art, creativity and friendship! We are not indifferent to what kind of world we are going to live in, but you, adults, determine the future of children on the whole planet.

Our festival unites adults and children. We believe that nowadays the world is lacking in the tolerance and communication that could help us to understand each other better, and that children's rights, while declared, have not been realized.

We believe we could change the world for the better because it is easier for us to find a common language to express our position and to make fast friends forever. Our festival has proven all of this. Today we are making friends, and tomorrow we will join together in making economic, political, cultural and international decisions.

We are devastated by the wars, violence and terror we see on the mass media. The number of homeless children is constantly increasing.

We strongly believe in the need to build more stadiums, sport grounds, art centres and children centres, like "Artek". In that way we can solve at least a small part of the problems and thus contribute to the creation of a world without wars and violence. The best investments are investments in children — since they make the future!

If you adults fulfil even a small part of what we suggest, it will be the first step in changing the world for the better!

We ask you at the General Assembly of the United Nations to support children from all over the world who participated in the sixth International Children's Festival at the International Children's Centre "Artek".

The Appeal was signed by participants from:

Republic of Armenia	Regina **Avagyan**
Republic of Azerbaijan	Lala **Kagramanova**
Republic of Belarus	Julia **Garmaza**
Republic of Bulgaria	Denitsa **Yordanova**
People's Republic of China	Wei Chen **Cui**
Republic of Cyprus	Georgia **Tsaparella**

Czech Republic	Zlata **Tabakhova**
Republic of Estonia	Nadezhda **Turaeva**
Republic of Finland	Georg **Ostrovski**
Georgia	Ia **Orjonikidze**
Federal Republic of Germany	Valerija **Shehipitsyna**
Greece	Elli **Giannakoulia**
Israel	Sabina **Tabachnik**
Republic of Kazakhstan	Nurlan **Nazym**
Republic of Latvia	Stanislav **Chernishev**
Republic of Lithuania	Anastasia **Kuznetsova**
Republic of Macedonia	Mihajlo **Aleksov**
Republic of Moldova	Geban **Marcel**
Mongolia	Angarag **Batmunch**
Republic of Montenegro	Ivona **Milic**
Kingdom of Morocco	Tauzani **Karim**
Republic of Poland	Klaudyna **Szykowna**
Romania	Denitsa **Buciuta**
Russian Federation	Oksana **Voitovich**
Republic of Serbia	Jana **Mizhic**
Republic of Turkey	Bilge **Gencoglu**
Ukraine	Christina **Spancireti**